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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, a Senator from the State of Texas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Prentice Meador, of Prestoncrest Church of Christ, Dallas, TX.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

Holy Father, we affirm You as Lord of our lives and our Nation. We are comfortable to come into Your presence on this special moment because You have invited us before Your throne. Gratitude and praise flows from our hearts for giving our Nation blessings that would have astonished our ancestors.

Lord, in this historic week, our Nation mourns the death of President Ronald Reagan. Father, we celebrate his patriotism, optimism, and courage. Bless Mrs. Reagan, her family, and our Nation with peace from Your heart.

And, Father, may we never forget our heritage. Sovereign Lord, we are keenly aware that 60 years ago today, heroic men were fighting their way off the beaches of Normandy. Lord, we shall never forget places like "Bloody Omaha," Carentan, Sainte-Mere-Eglise, Caen, Bastogne. Keep in our memory those who fought together and now lie together in death that we might be free. Father, may their voices of valor be heard in this Chamber in clear, crisp tones.

Merciful Father, in a world that sometimes drowns out such voices, empower the women and men of this great body to hear again words from our past: integrity, faith, bravery, sacrifice, and godliness. At this special time, I pray that each Senator might recommit to the clarity of Your truth, the depth of Your wisdom, and the power of Your love.

Father, help the Senators to know that many in this Nation pray for them and their faithfulness to their most solemn obligations. May they bow their knees before You so they may know what is right for our country. Lord, sanctify this assembly by dwelling in the hearts of each of these respected leaders. May glory, honor, and dominion be Yours forever and ever.

In Your most holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, D.C., June 8, 2004.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, a Senator from the State of Texas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. HUTCHISON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. This morning and throughout today's session, Members will have the opportunity to give remarks and pay tribute to President Reagan. I announced yesterday and again last night that the Senate would delay its work on the pending Defense bill until Monday next week. The filing deadline for amendments to that bill passed at 5 p.m. yesterday. Now the two managers of the legislation will be able to look over the legislative language of those submitted amendments. We will start Monday and work aggressively on that bill and will likely have multiple votes on Monday.

For the remainder of this week, in addition to today's morning business period, Senators will have until 3 p.m. tomorrow to come to the floor to speak on the life and legacy of our 40th President, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

The Senate will honor that life through a Senate resolution, which is deserving of a rollcall vote. However, that vote will not occur until tomorrow.

I will talk to the Democratic leader about the precise timing and we will let our colleagues know as that is scheduled for Wednesday. Therefore, we will not have any rollcall votes today.

As a reminder, we will recess today from 12:30 until 2:15 for our weekly policy luncheons.

Today we will also pass an adjournment resolution which will allow both Houses to adjourn on Wednesday and to reconvene on Monday to accommodate the ceremonies and services relating to the death of President Reagan.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SNOWE). The minority leader is recognized.

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I thought it might be helpful if the majority leader would walk through the week's schedule. I have had a number of questions about the schedule.

As I understand it, we will have the vote tomorrow, and tomorrow will be dedicated primarily to remarks on the floor by colleagues and Members in tribute to the President. Then beginning as early as noon—is it on Wednesday?—we will not anticipate any session. Then at 7 o'clock Wednesday night, it is my understanding the memorial service here in the Capitol will be held for Members only.

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, we can talk about earlier than 3 o'clock, but right now it is until 3 o'clock tomorrow. At 3 o'clock, we will recess.

Mr. DASCHLE. Is it the majority leader's intention to be in session on Thursday?

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, we will not be in session on Thursday or Friday.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, then have the official memorial service in the National Cathedral at 11:30 on Friday morning. Is that correct?

Mr. FRIST. That is correct. That is by invitation. Of course, our colleagues and spouses are invited.

Mr. DASCHLE. Senators should be aware they have all day today and up until 3 o'clock tentatively tomorrow to come to the floor to make presentations. Obviously, Senators are welcome to speak about any issue.

My hope is we would want to accommodate Senators who wish to speak in memory of President Reagan and perhaps defer other remarks unrelated to these tributes to next week. Obviously, as I say, it is every Senator's prerogative to make that decision.

I appreciate the majority leader's clarification on the schedule.

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved

## MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Texas.

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Madam President, will the Senator yield for a parliamentary inquiry?

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Certainly.

Mr. REID. Madam President, there are a number of people who wish to speak. I know Senator HUTCHISON wishes to speak regarding our prayer this morning. But it is my understanding

the distinguished Senator from New Hampshire wishes to speak. If I could inquire through the Chair, how long does the Senator wish to speak?

Mr. GREGG. Madam President, Senators are permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes in morning business.

Mr. REID. If I could, I ask unanimous consent that after the Senator from Texas completes her remarks the Senator from New Hampshire be recognized for 10 minutes, the Senator from Maine for 10 minutes, and the Senator from California, Mrs. BOXER, for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Texas.

## GUEST CHAPLAIN, DR. PRENTICE MEADOR

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, it is my pleasure to introduce our guest chaplain, Dr. Prentice Meador, from Dallas, TX, the minister at Prestoncrest Church of Christ. Dr. Meador hails from Nashville, TN. Our majority leader and Dr. Meador have known each other for a long time.

He is a graduate of David Lipscomb College and holds a Ph.D from the University of Illinois. He and his wife Barbara, a registered nurse, have three married children and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Meador served at the South National Church of Christ in Springfield, MO for 14 years before moving to Dallas in 1988. There he started serving as a pulpit minister for the Prestoncrest Church of Christ.

Not only did our distinguished leader come over to say hello to our chaplain this morning, but also Senator BOND from Missouri, who when he was Governor worked with Dr. Meador on a summit for children. Dr. Meador has been very active in that regard as well.

So we came in today, and not only was he there with me as his hometown Senator but also the Senator from Tennessee and the Senator from Missouri came to greet him, which I think shows what a great impact he has wherever he goes.

Dr. Meador has in fact adopted a wonderful philosophy of the modern church. He offers grace to imperfect people. He doesn't want to save the world and lose our own families. He offers God to people entangled in the web of today's culture.

That take on the urban church has attracted large audiences of young adults. In fact, the average age in his church in Dallas is 28. Dr. Meador has done an excellent job of cultivating their interest by emphasizing relationship building, mentoring, and accountability groups.

He is a member of the board of trustees of a great university, Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX, and he is on the chancellor's council of another great university, Pepperdine University in California. Dr. Meador is listed in "Who's Who in Religion" as well as "Who's Who in the Southwest."

He has spoken throughout the world and has given frequent lectures throughout the United States.

He is an accomplished author who has written several books, and has been the managing editor of 21st Century Christian magazine starting in 1992. He is a regular television contributor, including as a weekly panelist on the American Religion Town Hall, which is a national program.

Dr. Meador has received numerous awards for his leadership and citizenship. It is an honor to have him with us today.

I was so pleased to be able to be with him this morning. We had a good visit at our prayer breakfast about what we do in the Senate. I thank Dr. Meador for sharing his blessing on us at a very important time in our country.

Thank you, Madam President. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

## TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Mr. GREGG. Thank you, Madam President.

I rise today, as many Americans, to pay my respect and thanks, and also to celebrate the life of Ronald Reagan, an extraordinary man who has had such a huge impact on our generation and the generations to come in the world—especially Americans' place in the world.

I have a lot of fond and personal memories about Governor and President Reagan. First, I had the opportunity to meet him with my wife Kathy when he and Nancy Reagan came to New Hampshire to campaign in 1976. He was running against a sitting Republican President, Gerald Ford, appointed, of course, coming out of the Watergate era. Some in our party thought maybe it was time to move on, put a new face on our party, and put someone forward who had a certain charisma and attitude which was a little different. Certainly Reagan met that test.

As we traveled around New Hampshire, he was not the national figure he is today, although he was a significant figure. In fact, he was a movie star. People were flocking to meet him and see him. They wanted to hear what he had to say. But as we traveled around, a fairly small contingent in a bus and a few cars, we had a chance to get to know him a little bit. What came through most apparently to myself and Kathy was he was a genuine person who had a real sense of self and who had a way of making people feel at ease around him. He had a charisma, to say the least.

Then I had the great fortune of being elected to Congress in 1980. Prior to that, ironically I had been at the famous national debate in January of 1980 where President Reagan actually set the course for getting the nomination and moving on to become the